

On the basis of national security, I am strongly opposed to the elimination of the five (5) word per minute morse code requirement. Morse Code and CW transmissions are vital to our future security. If our nation experiences a domestic attack that destroys vital parts of our infrastructure including telecommunications, amateur radio operators may be the only link to the outside world in the affected areas. Post attack conditions may be very hostile to normal forms of communication. It may be up to the radio amateur to keep information flowing- even if it requires the pressing of two wires together to get the message out. Morse Code may be our last bastion of defense in our uncertain post 911 world. Please retain the code requirement. A trained pool of Morse operators is vital to our national defense.